

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace or amend the following paragraphs of the specification.

Please amend paragraph [0025] at page 5, as follows:

[0025] Figures 4-7 show a preferred embodiment of the fixing element 9. It consists of two parts 14, 15, which are rectangular in their outline and which are connected to each other by a hinge 16. In the illustrated embodiment, the top part 14 consists of a relatively thin-walled base 17 and reinforcing side walls 18, which give it the shape of a flat box. In the base 17 there is a slot-shaped opening 19 as possible engagement for a simple tool, e.g., a screwdriver. On the one free narrow side of the top part 14, there is a projection 20 extending over the entire width outside on the base 17 with a trapezoidal cross section, whose surface aligned with the narrow side wall of the part 14 is provided with a perpendicular rib 21. ~~Clips 22 can be formed on the top side of the projection 20.~~ The hinged connection 16 with the bottom part 15 is realized at the edge of the opposite narrow side. The side walls of the two parts 14, 15 opposite each other are inclined outward from the hinge 16 slightly away from each other; thus they form an angle that permits hinged motion between the two parts 14, 15.

Please amend the Abstract at page 8, as follows:

~~A~~ ~~The invention relates to a~~ device for fixing a housing (1), especially a housing pertaining to a motor vehicle battery, to a carrier plate (3). ~~The Said~~ device consists of a fixing bracket (4) and a separate fixing element (9). The fixing bracket (4) is fixed or moulded onto a edge of the carrier plate (3) projecting past the housing (1), and comprises a vertical limb (5) which extends at a distance from the housing wall, parallel to the same. The separate fixing element (9) is inserted into

the intermediate region between the housing wall and the vertical limb (5) of the fixing bracket (4), and is wedged fast therein. According to the invention, the housing (1) can be fixed to the carrier plate (3) with few, simple movements and without using a tool. All parts of the fixing device can be reused if the housing (1) needs to be replaced. No scrap or other waste elements are accumulated, thus also solving the recycling problem.